(d) The steps already taken to remedy the situation are as follows:-

(i) Relaxed student patient ratio. The ratio has been reduced from 1:5 to 1:3

(ii) Relaxed norms for Teaching faculty to start B.Sc. (N) Programme:

- At least 2 M.Sc (N) faculty to be available
- Qualification and Experience has been relaxed

(iii) Relaxation for opening M.Sc (N) programme. Super specialty Hospital can start M.Sc (N) without having under-graduate programme.

(iv) Admission for Nursing allowed for married candidates.

(v) Age increased for Teaching Faculty up to 70 years

(vi) Maximum of 100 seats will be given to those parent hospitals with 300 beds without insisting on Medical College.

It will be possible to bridge the gap of 3.59 lakhs Nurses in the XI five year plan by taking further following steps for which a sum of Rs. 3188 crores has been proposed during Eleventh Plan period:—

(i) Establishing Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery (ANM) and General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) schools in those districts (230) which are not having both these training programmes.

(ii) Establishing post graduation Nursing (M.Sc. Nursing) Institutions.

(iii) Improvement in standard of Nursing Education services and to improve the quality of health care.

(iv) Development of a live Register with regard to Nursing Personnel in India.

(v) Renewal of registration once in every 5 years linked with Continuing Education.

(vi) Setting up of Standards for specialty Nurses.

(vii) Establishment of Regional Institutes of Excellence with the objective of Improving the standards on all India basis and provide opportunity to access high quality Nursing Education through out the country.

(viii) Strengthening of State Nursing Councils.

(ix) Strengthening of Nursing Cells at the State level.

Adulteration in milk and ghee

67. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the business of adulterated milk and ghee is running openly in various parts of the country which is being made of toxic materials like urea;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is happening due to imbalance in demand and supply of milk and now the situation to import of milk has arisen; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by Government to check the production and sale of adulterated milk and ghee and to maintain the balance between the demand and supply of milk and milk products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No such reports have been received from the State/U.T. Governments, who are responsible for implementing Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules 1955 in the State/U.T.

As per rule 44(1) of the PFA Rules, 1955, sale of milk and milk products containing substances not found in milk except as prescribed in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, is prohibited. All State Governments have been requested to take necessary action to keep strict vigil on the quality of milk particularly for the presence of chemical substances.

(c) and (d) The milk production at national level is by and large sufficient to meet the domestic demand of milk and milk products in the country. Major portion of the milk, *i.e.* about 85% produced in the country is handled by the unorganized sector. The statement indicating the milk production during last three years and current year is as under:—

Year	Milk Production (MT)	%Growth
2003-04	88.1	2.20
2004-05	92.5	4.49
2005-06	97.1	4.97
2006-07 (projection)	100.00	2.98

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries regularly reviews the milk situation in the country and takes necessary action.

Spurious medicines in Government Hospitals

68. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many complaints have been received in respect of distribution of spurious drugs in large quantities in Government hospitals;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard;

(c) as the annual business of spurious drugs in the country has increased considerably at present, whether Government have taken any concrete action or have made any plan to stop it; and

(d) the number of cases of spurious drugs which have come into light during the last three years and the number of persons arrested in this regard along with the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) As per information available from State Drugs Control Organizations 0.288%,